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SUMMARY

This report contains one draft resolution and three draft decisions on matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council.

By the draft resolution, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Council that it establish an open-ended working group under the general review of the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations, as called for by the Council in decision 1993/214.

By draft decision I, the Committee recommends to the Council:

(a) That consultative status be granted to 43 non-governmental organizations which had applied;

(b) That 10 non-governmental organizations be reclassified.

By draft decision II, the Committee recommends that the Council:

(a) Withdraw the consultative status of eight organizations that failed to submit a detailed report on their activities for the period 1986-1989;

(b) Reclassify the consultative status of six organizations from Category II to Roster.

By draft decision III, the Committee requests the Council to approve the provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee to be held in 1995.

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I. MATTERS CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

A. Draft resolution

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Review of the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Article 71 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling also its resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968, in particular paragraph 40 (e) thereof, which provides that the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations shall consider matters concerning non-governmental organizations which may be referred to it by the Council or by commissions,

Recognizing the continued validity of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) as a useful framework for consultations with non-governmental organizations,

Recalling its decision 1993/214 of 12 February 1993,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its session in 1993, 1/

1. Decides to establish, under the auspices of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, an open-ended working group consisting of representatives of all interested States;

2. Requests the open-ended working group to undertake the general review called for by the Economic and Social Council in decision 1993/214, in order, in particular, to introduce consistency in the rules governing the participation of non-governmental organizations in international conferences convened by the United Nations, as well as to make proposals with a view to updating, if necessary, Council resolution 1296 (XLIV);

3. Also requests the open-ended working group, in accordance with Council decision 1993/214, to examine ways and means of improving practical arrangements for the work of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and of strengthening the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit of the Secretariat;

4. Invites United Nations organs, bodies, programmes and specialized agencies to participate in the work of the open-ended working group, in accordance with established practice;

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5. Invites the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to participate in the work of the open-ended working group, in accordance with the provisions of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV);

6. Requests the open-ended working group to enable other relevant non-governmental organizations, in particular those from developing countries, to contribute their views in accordance with established practice, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

7. Invites the open-ended working group to submit a progress report to an inter-sessional meeting of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and, through it, to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to provide, within existing resources, the necessary assistance, including documentation, for the implementation of the present resolution;

9. Decides to consider this question at its substantive session of 1994, and to make recommendations to the General Assembly with a view to finalizing the general review by 1995, as called for in its decision 1993/214.

Annex

PARTICIPATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE REVIEW OF CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. Pursuant to paragraph 5 of the present resolution, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that wish to participate in the open-ended working group will be accredited in accordance with the provisions of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968.

2. Other non-governmental organizations wishing to be accredited may apply to the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit of the Secretariat for this purpose in accordance with the following requirements:

(a) The Non-Governmental Organizations Unit of the Secretariat shall be responsible for the receipt and preliminary evaluation of requests for accreditation received from non-governmental organizations;

(b) All such applications must be accompanied by the following information:

(i) The aims and purposes of the organization, which should be in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

(ii) The date of establishment of the organization, the location of its headquarters and proof of its non-profit nature;

(iii) Information on the programmes and activities of the organization and the country or countries in which they are carried out;

(iv) A copy of the latest annual report and of the most recent budget;

(v) A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws, and a list of members of the governing body and their country of nationality;

(vi) A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members and their geographical distribution;

(vii) If applicable, whether the organization:

a. Is in consultative status with a specialized agency of the United Nations system;

b. Is on the roster of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

c. Is accredited for participation in conferences convened under the auspices of the United Nations and/or their preparatory process.

The requests of organizations that fail to provide the above information will not be considered by the Secretariat.

3. In cases where the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit of the Secretariat believes, on the basis of the information provided in accordance with paragraph 2 above, that an organization has established its relevance to the work of the Working Group, it will recommend to the Working Group that the Organization be accredited. In cases where the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit of the Secretariat does not recommend the granting of accreditation, it will make available to the Working Group its reasons for not doing so. The Non-Governmental Organizations Unit of the Secretariat should ensure that its recommendations are available to the Working Group at least one week prior to the start of each session.

4. The Working Group will decide on the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit of the Secretariat's recommendations for accreditation within 24 hours of the recommendations having been taken up by the Working Group. In the event of a decision not being taken within this period, interim accreditation shall be accorded until such time as a decision is taken.

5. A non-governmental organization that has been granted accreditation to attend a session of the Working Group may attend all its future sessions.

6. In recognition of the intergovernmental nature of the Working Group, non-governmental organizations shall have no negotiating role in the work of the Group.

7. Pursuant to paragraph 5 of the present resolution, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council will have the opportunity to address the Working Group in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 31 and 33 of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV).

8. Other relevant non-governmental organizations may also ask to speak briefly at such meetings. If the number of requests is too large, the Working Group shall request the non-governmental organizations to form themselves into constituencies, each constituency speaking through one spokesperson. Any such oral intervention will be made at the discretion of the Chairman and with the consent of the Working Group in accordance with normal United Nations practice.

9. Pursuant to paragraph 5 of the present resolution, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council may submit written statements in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 29, 30 and 33 of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV).

10. Other relevant non-governmental organizations may, at their own expense, make written presentations in any of the official languages of the United Nations. Those written presentations will not be issued as official documents.

B. Draft decisions

2. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To grant the following non-governmental organizations consultative status:

Category II

Agence Internationale pour le Développment
American Society of International Law
Association for Counselling, Organization, Research and Development
Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific
Dhaka Ahsania Mission
Emmaus International Association
Environmental Defense Fund
Human Rights Watch
Indian Institute for Non-Aligned Studies
International Scientific and Educational "Znanie" Association
Institute for International Economic Cooperation and Development
Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children (IAC)
International Architects Designers Planners for Social Responsibility (ARC-PEACE)
International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights
International Miners' Organisation
International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies

Islamic Relief
Médecins sans frontières (International)
Mediterranean Water Institute (IME)
Oxfam America
Penal Reform International
Project Concern International, Incorporated
Reporters without Borders - International
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program International
Robert F. Kennedy Memorial
Sisterhood is Global Institute
Society for Threatened Peoples
Union of Luso-Afri-America-Asiatic Capital Cities
World Federation of the Ukrainian Women's Organizations
World Union of Professions (UMPL)

Roster

Asbestos International Association
Chartered Association of Certified Accountants (ACCA)
Christian Solidarity International
European Electronic Mail Association
Federation for Peace and Conciliation
Friedrich Naumann Foundation
Global Forum of Spiritual and Parliamentary Leaders
International Centre for Trade Union Rights
International Federation of Consular Corps and Associations (FICAC)
International Human Rights Association of American Minorities (IHRAAM)
International Lesbian and Gay Association
International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism
Uranium Institute

(b) To reclassify two organizations from category II to category I and eight organizations from the Roster to category II, as follows:

Category I

International Save the Children Alliance
Rotary International

Category II

Commonwealth Medical Association
Habitat International Coalition
International Association of University Presidents
International Press Institute
International Romani Union
International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics
International Union of Building Centres (UIBC)
International Union of Socialist Youth

DRAFT DECISION II

Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, categories I and II

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) That the consultative status of the following eight organizations, which failed to submit a detailed report on their activities for the period 1986-1989 as requested by the Committee in 1991 (E/1991/20, para. 22), be withdrawn:

Democratic Youth Community of Europe
European Association of National Productivity Centres
Institute of Social Studies Trust
Inter African Union of Lawyers
International Cargo Handling Coordination Association
International Centre of Social Gerontology
International Union for Inland Navigation
Third World Foundation

(b) That the following six organizations be reclassified from category II to Roster:

European Organization for Quality
Inter-American Planning Society
International Association of Educators for World Peace
International Federation of Senior Police Officers
International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions
Inter-University European Institute on Social Welfare

DRAFT DECISION III

Provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to be held in 1995

The Economic and Social Council approves the provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to be held in 1995 set out below:

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO BE HELD IN 1995

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:

   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the 1993 session of the Committee;

   (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification.

   Documentation

   Deferred applications for consultative status: memorandum by the Secretary-General

   Deferred requests for reclassification: memorandum by the Secretary-General

   New applications for consultative status: memorandum by the Secretary-General

   New requests for reclassification: memorandum by the Secretary-General

4. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, categories I and II.

   Documentation

   Quadrennial reports for the period 1990-1993 submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, categories I and II: report submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968

   Follow-up to decisions taken by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations at its session in 1993: report submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968

5. Review of future activities.

   Documentation

   Report on the annual informal consultation held in 1993 and 1994 between the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

   Report of the Working Group

6. Provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee to be held in 1997.

7. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

II. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS AND REQUESTS FOR RECLASSIFICATION RECEIVED FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

3. The Committee considered agenda item 3 at its 533rd to 548th meetings, from 22 March to 1 April 1993. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations, the further consideration of which had been deferred by the Committee at its 1991 session (E/C.2/1993/R.1 and Add.1-3 and E/C.2/1993/R.2);

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations (E/C.2/1993/R.3 and Add.1-13);

(c) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new applications for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations (E/C.2/1993/R.4 and Add.1-3);

(d) Letter dated 14 February 1992 from the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross to the Chairman of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (E/C.2/1993/7).

A. Applications for consultative status deferred from the 1991 session of the Committee

4. At the 543rd meeting, on 29 March 1993, the representative of the Russian Federation proposed that category II consultative status be granted to Human Rights Watch.

5. The representatives of France and Chile moved that the proposal of the Russian Federation be adopted without a vote. The representative of Cuba noted that in his earlier statement he had made a formal proposal to reject the application of Human Rights Watch and that his proposal should therefore be taken by the Committee first.

6. The representative of the Russian Federation requested that a vote be taken on the proposal to grant category II consultative status to Human Rights Watch.

7. At the same meeting, the motion made by the representative of Cuba not to take action on the proposal of the Russian Federation was rejected by a roll-call vote of 11 to 3, with 3 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Cuba, Iraq, Sudan.

Against: Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Ireland, Nicaragua, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sweden.

Abstaining: Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Oman.

8. A roll-call vote was then taken on the proposal of the Russian Federation, which was carried by a vote of 11 to 3, with 3 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Ireland, Nicaragua, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sweden.

Against: Cuba, Iraq, Sudan.

Abstaining: Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Oman.

9. Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the Philippines, the Sudan, Sweden, Costa Rica, the Russian Federation and Iraq.

10. The representative of the Sudan stated that his negative vote on the application of Human Rights Watch should not be interpreted as opposition to human rights in general. He expressed his serious concern over the selectivity and lack of objectivity displayed by the organization. He also requested that his strong opposition to the practices of the organization, including its continuous criticism of Islam as violating human rights, be placed on record.

11. The representative of Iraq stated that his negative vote on the application of Human Rights Watch should not be interpreted as opposition to organizations active in the field of human rights. However, he opposed this particular organization because of its selectivity and bias against certain States.

12. The representative of Cuba considered that the application of Human Rights Watch should be rejected because of serious deficiencies contained in it, because of the past attitude of the organization to the Committee, because it called into question the political, economic and social system of his country, and because of reports that members of the organization had adopted a political attitude towards his country.

13. The observer for China stated that the views of Human Rights Watch in relation to Tibet and Taiwan, which are inalienable parts of China, constituted an attempt to divide a sovereign State, contrary to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the spirit of relevant United Nations resolutions and Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV).

14. At the 544th meeting, on 29 March 1993, the application of the International Lesbian and Gay Association was considered. The representative of the Sudan made a proposal to reject the application of that organization for category II consultative status.

15. At the same meeting, the representative of Ireland, on behalf also of Bulgaria, France, Greece and the Russian Federation, proposed that no action be taken on the proposal of the Sudan. That motion was carried by a roll-call vote of 7 to 3, with 6 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Bulgaria, Chile, France, Greece, Ireland, Russian Federation, Sweden.

Against: Iraq, Oman, Sudan.

Abstaining: Costa Rica, Cuba, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Philippines.

16. At the same meeting, the representative of Ireland proposed by the International Lesbian and Gay Association be granted Roster status. A roll-call vote was then requested by the representative of Oman on the proposal of the representative of Ireland, which was carried by a vote of 9 to 4, with 3 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, France, Greece, Ireland, Russian Federation, Sweden.

Against: Iraq, Lesotho, Oman, Sudan.

Abstaining: Ethiopia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Philippines.

17. Statements were made by the representatives of Lesotho, Cuba, the Russian Federation, Oman, Sweden, Iraq and the Sudan.

18. The representatives of Oman, Iraq and the Sudan requested that their strong opposition to the ethical and moral values represented by the organization be placed on record.

19. At the 545th meeting, on 30 March 1993, the representatives of Sweden and France requested that it be placed on record that, although they would not oppose consensus on granting Roster status to the International Human Rights Association of American Minorities, they could not associate themselves with it. The representative of Sweden added that she would have preferred that the application be deferred to 1995.

20. At the same meeting, the representative of Costa Rica informed the Committee that according to the instructions from her Government, she had to correct her vote on the proposal to grant Roster status to the International Lesbian and Gay Association from affirmative to negative. Her Government was not convinced that the goals of the organization were useful to the work of the Economic and Social Council. Furthermore, there were considerations of an ethical, religious and cultural character.

21. The Committee decided to recommend that the Economic and Social Council grant the following non-governmental organizations consultative status:

Category II

Human Rights Watch

Roster

Christian Solidarity International
International Lesbian and Gay Association
International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism

B. New applications for consultative status

22. The Committee decided to recommend that the Economic and Social Council grant the following non-governmental organizations consultative status:

Category II

Agence Internationale pour le Développement
American Society of International Law
Association for Counselling, Organization, Research and Development
Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific
Dhaka Ahsania Mission
Emmaus International Association
Environmental Defense Fund
Indian Institute for Non-Aligned Studies
International Scientific and Educational "Znanie" Association
Institute for International Economic Cooperation and Development
Inter-African Committee on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women and Children (IAC)
International Architects Designers Planners for Social Responsibility (ARC-PEACE)
International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights
International Miners' Organisation
International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies
Islamic Relief
Médecins sans frontières (International)
Mediterranean Water Institute (IME)
Oxfam America
Penal Reform International
Project Concern International, Incorporated
Reporters without Borders - International
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program International
Robert F. Kennedy Memorial
Sisterhood is Global Institute
Society for Threatened Peoples
Union of Luso-Afri-America-Asiatic Capital Cities
World Federation of the Ukrainian Women's Organizations
World Union of Professions (UMPL)

Roster

Asbestos International Association
Chartered Association of Certified Accountants (ACCA)
European Electronic Mail Association
Federation for Peace and Conciliation
Friedrich Naumann Foundation
Global Forum of Spiritual and Parliamentary Leaders
International Centre for Trade Union Rights
International Federation of Consular Corps and Associations (FICAC)
International Human Rights Association of American Minorities
Uranium Institute

23. The Committee decided to defer further consideration of the application of Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team to its session in 1995.

24. The International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development withdrew its application for consultative status.

25. At its first regular session of 1991, the Economic and Social Council decided to refer the application of Human Life International back to the Committee for further consideration at its session to be held in 1993 (Council decision 1991/216).

26. After reconsidering the application of Human Life International, the Committee decided to reject the application of Human Life International for consultative status.

27. No action was taken on the application of the European Union of the Natural Gas Industry (Eurogas) as it appeared that it was already listed on the Roster under the name of Economic Research Committee of the Gas Industry (Cometec-Gaz).

C. New requests for reclassification

28. The Committee decided to recommend that the Economic and Social Council reclassify two organizations from category II to category I and eight organizations from the Roster to category II.

Category I

International Save the Children Alliance
Rotary International

Category II

Commonwealth Medical Association
Habitat International Coalition
International Association of University Presidents
International Press Institute
International Romani Union
International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics

International Union of Building Centres (UIBC)
International Union of Socialist Youth

29. The Committee decided that the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council should remain in category II.

D. Letter dated 14 February 1993 from the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross to the Chairman of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

30. In the light of General Assembly resolution 45/6 of 16 October 1990, whereby the International Committee of the Red Cross was invited to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer, the organization withdrew from its non-governmental organization status with the Economic and Social Council.

III. REVIEW OF QUADRENNIAL REPORTS SUBMITTED BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, CATEGORIES I AND II

31. The Committee considered agenda item 4 at its 546th to 549th meetings, from 30 March to 1 April 1993. It had before it quadrennial reports for the period 1988-1991 on the activities of 106 non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, categories I and II (E/C.2/1993/2 and Add.1-9 and E/C.2/1993/3 and Add.1 and 2).

A. Quadrennial reports, 1988-1991

32. In accordance with Council resolution 1296 (XLIV), the Committee requested the following organizations, which had failed to submit reports for the period 1988-1991, to provide them within three months:

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
Africa Club (for Integrated Development)
Africa Union of Architects
Africa Institute of Private International Law
Association de cooperation internationale au developpement - Organisation pour la recherche appliquée au developpement
Balkan-ji-Bari International
Centre of Economic and Social Studies of the Third World
Council of European and Japanese National Shipowners' Associations
Data for Development
Food and Disarmament International
Geneva Informal Meeting of International Youth NGOs (GIM)
Institute for Policy Studies - Transnational
Inter-American Federation of Touring and Automobile Clubs
International Commission of Health Professionals for Health and Human Rights
International Committee for European Security and Cooperation
International Council for Adult Education

International Federation of Landscape Architects
International New Towns Association
International Society for Criminology
International Society for Research on Aggression
International Study Center for Children and Families
Latin American Association of Development Organizations
Latin American Council of Catholic Women
Organization of African Trade Union Unity
Pan-African Women's Organization
Pan-American Federation of Engineering Societies
St. Joan's International Alliance
Women's World Banking
World Africa Chamber of Commerce
World Federation of Development Financing Institutions

33. The Committee decided to review the reports of the above-mentioned organizations for the period 1988-1991 at its session in 1995 and agreed that, in accordance with past practice, those organizations that failed to submit a report within the specified time could have their consultative status with the Council withdrawn.

34. The representative of Cuba stated that the activities of the International Association of Educators for World Peace appeared to be in contravention of the provisions governing the consultative relationships.

35. The Committee, noting that the report of the International Association of Educators for World Peace did not contain sufficient information regarding its activities related to the work of the United Nations, decided to reclassify the organization from category II to the Roster.

36. The representative of Cuba expressed reservations regarding the activities of the Inter-American Press Association and concerns regarding the markedly political nature of the report of the organization, which lacked objectivity.

37. The representative of Iraq requested that his reservations on the reference in the Pax Christi International report to the region "Kurdistan" be placed on record. The said reference gave the impression that the region resembled an independent entity similar to a State. Reference in such a manner to that northern part of Iraq by the organization constituted an encroachment on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iraq and interference in its internal affairs, which was contrary to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations. The delegation of Iraq was of the view that, in accordance with paragraph 36 (b) of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV), the consultative status of Pax Christi International should be temporarily suspended.

38. The observer for China stated that the mention by Pax Christi International in its report of the right to self-determination of Tibet was tantamount to an attempt to divide a sovereign State and was thus contrary to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations as well as to the spirit of Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV).

39. The representative of Cuba stated that the question of the sovereignty and integrity of States, as affirmed in the Charter of the United Nations, was a

question of major importance. In view of the serious observations made by the representative of Iraq and the observer for China, denouncing the interferences of Pax Christi International in such matters, his delegation was of the view that the organization should have been reclassified from category II to the Roster.

40. The representatives of Bulgaria, Costa Rica, France, Ireland, the Russian Federation and Sweden expressed their satisfaction regarding the activities of Pax Christi International and stated that mere expressions of opinion by a non-governmental organization did not constitute an infringement of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations.

41. The Committee, taking note of the comments in paragraphs 7 to 10 above, decided to request Pax Christi International to submit to the Committee at its session in 1995 a report on its activities for the period 1992-1993.

42. The Committee noted that the report provided by the International Society of Postmasters was not satisfactory and decided to request the organization to submit within three months additional information on its activities related to the work of the United Nations.

B. Follow-up to the decisions taken by the Committee at its 1991 session

43. The Committee decided to recommend that the Economic and Social Council withdraw the consultative status of the following organizations, which had failed to submit a report on their activities for the period 1986-1989 as requested by the Committee in 1991 (E/1991/20, para. 22):

Democratic Youth Community of Europe
European Association of National Productivity Centres
Institute of Social Studies Trust
Inter-African Union of Lawyers
International Cargo Handling Coordination Association
International Centre of Social Gerontology
International Union for Inland Navigation
Third World Foundation

44. The Committee, noting that the report submitted by the International Federation of Senior Police Officers on its activities for the period 1986-1989 was not satisfactory, decided to reclassify the organization category II to the Roster.

45. The Committee, noting that the additional information submitted by the European Organization for Quality and the Inter-American Planning Society was not satisfactory, decided to reclassify the two organizations from category II to the Roster.

46. The Committee, noting that the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions and the Inter-University European Institute on Social Welfare had failed to provide the required additional information, decided that those two organizations should be reclassified from category II to the Roster.

IV. REVIEW OF FUTURE ACTIVITIES

47. The Committee considered agenda item 5 at its 546th, 548th, 549th, 551st and 552nd meetings, on 30 March, 1 and 2 April and 4 May 1993. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretariat on the annual informal consultations of 1991 between the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/C.2/1993/4);

(b) Note by the Secretariat on the annual informal consultations of 1992 between the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/C.2/1993/5);

(c) Report of the Working Group of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (E/C.2/1993/6);

(d) Note by the Secretariat on the review of the arrangements for consultations with non-governmental organizations (E/C.2/1993/8);

(e) Statement submitted by the World Federation of United Nations Associations, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I (E/C.2/1993/NGO/1);

(f) Statement submitted by Soroptimist International, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I (E/C.2/1993/NGO/2);

(g) Statement submitted by the International Chamber of Commerce, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I (E/C.2/1993/NGO/3).

48. The Director of the Division of Economic and Social Council Affairs and Inter-Agency Coordination, Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, made an introductory statement.

49. The Chief of the Inter-Organizational Cooperation and Coordination Branch, Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, made an introductory statement.

A. Review of the conditions necessary for the effective functioning of the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit: Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/39

50. At the 548th meeting, on 1 April, the representative of the Secretariat made an oral report. He stated that measures had been taken for the biennium 1992-1993 as described in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/39 (A/C.3/47/13). It was the Secretary-General's view that, with those measures, the

Non-Governmental Organizations Unit should be able to cope with its responsibilities in the short-term more effectively in the coming months. The Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1992/39 had also requested the Secretary-General to consider measures within the framework of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995. Since the adoption by the Council of its resolution 1992/39, the Council had adopted several decisions at its organizational session in February 1993, resulting in a considerable increase in the workload of the Secretariat. The Secretary-General recognized the importance of ensuring adequate resources to enable the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit to discharge effectively its current functions, as well as any new mandate resulting from the Council's decisions. The Secretary-General was considering, within the context of the restructuring exercise, the extent of human and financial resources needed.

51. The Committee reiterated the importance of taking appropriate measures to enable the Non-Governmental Organizations Unit to discharge effectively its current mandate, as well as any additional mandate resulting from the decisions taken by the Council at its organizational session of 1993.

B. Annual informal consultation between the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

52. The Committee took note of the notes by the Secretariat on the annual informal consultations of 1991 and 1992 (E/C.2/1993/4 and E/C.2/1993/5).

C. Working Group of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

53. The Committee took note of the report of the Working Group of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (E/C.2/1993/6) and expressed its appreciation to the Working Group.

D. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council decision 1993/214

54. At the 546th meeting, on 30 March, the representative of the Secretariat made an introductory statement.

55. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Greece, (on behalf of the European Economic Community and its member States), Sweden (on behalf also of Norway), the Russian Federation, Lesotho, Ireland, Cuba, Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Statements were also made by the observers for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, China and Canada (on behalf also of Australia and New Zealand).

56. Statements were also made by the President of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and by the representative of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

57. The view was expressed that the appropriate mechanism to conduct the review would be an open-ended working group, closely linked to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations. Some observer delegations, however, expressed a preference for the Economic and Social Council itself to be the forum for the review. It was agreed that the process should be open to the participation of all States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies. It was also agreed that non-governmental organizations should be given the opportunity to contribute their views to the review process.

58. Regarding the scope of the review, there was general agreement that the review should include the elaboration of uniform rules for the participation of non-governmental organizations in conferences convened by the United Nations.

59. It was observed that the review should also include the functioning of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, its method of work, the frequency of its sessions and its secretariat support structure.

60. Some representatives noted that, although Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) provided an adequate framework concerning the granting of consultative status, the review should address the possibility of complementing it in some areas through additions to, or clarification of, the present provisions. Some members observed that Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) had been drafted with great care for balance in its provisions and that it might not be advisable to modify it. Some members considered that the Economic and Social Council should undertake a comprehensive and fundamental re-examination of the role of non-governmental organizations in its work.

61. The view was expressed that the review should not result in curtailing the rights currently granted to non-governmental organizations in consultative status. The review should result in strengthening and improving the relationship between the United Nations and the non-governmental organizations. Some representatives stressed that the relationship should take place in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

62. Regarding the timetable, it was generally considered that the mechanism to be established should report to a special session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, to be held in the spring of 1994, and through the Committee to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994. The recommendations of the Council would be submitted for consideration by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

63. At the 551st meeting, on 2 April, the Committee considered the draft resolution entitled "Review of the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations" (E/C.2/1993/L.1/Add.4).

64. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the Sudan, Ethiopia, Sweden, Lesotho, France, Nicaragua, Cuba, Oman, Bulgaria, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Costa Rica and Chile.

65. Statements were also made by the observers for the United States of America, Mexico, Canada and India.

66. After a statement was made by the Chairman, the Committee decided to suspend the session until a future date in order to continue and conclude its consideration of the draft resolution.

67. At the 552nd meeting, on 4 May, the Committee had before it a draft proposal entitled "Review of the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations", submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations (E/C.2/1993/L.2).

68. In introducing the draft proposal the Chairman revised the word "resolution" to "decision" in the title of the proposal, and then inserted the following sentence:

> "The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution".

69. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision, as orally revised (see sect. I.A).

70. In the light of the adoption of draft decision E/C.2/1993/L.2, draft decision E/C.2/1993/L.1/Add.4 was withdrawn.

71. Before the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by representatives of Costa Rica, Cuba, Ireland, Sweden, the Russian Federation, France, Bulgaria, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Burundi and by the observers for Hungary and Canada.

72. A statement was also made by the Director, Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development.

V. PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 1995 SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE

73. The Committee considered agenda item 6 at its 550th meeting, on 2 April 1993. It had before it the draft provisional agenda for its 1995 session (E/C.2/1993/L.1/Add.1).

74. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for the 1995 session and decided to submit it to the Economic and Social Council for approval (see sect. I.A., draft decision III).

VI. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

75. At its 550th and 551st meetings, on 2 April, and its 552nd meeting, on 4 May, the Committee adopted the draft report on its current session (E/C.2/1993/L.1 and Add.1-3 and 5-7), as amended during the discussion.

VII. ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

76. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations met at United Nations Headquarters from 22 March to 2 April and 4 May 1993. The Committee held 20 meetings (533rd to 552nd meetings). The session was opened by Ms. Annie Marie Sundbom (Sweden), Chairman of the Committee in 1991.

B. Attendance

77. Representatives of all the States members of the Committee attended the session: Bulgaria, Burundi, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Iraq, Ireland, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nicaragua, Oman, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sudan and Sweden.

78. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers: Canada, China, Colombia, Egypt, Hungary, India, Lithuania, Mexico, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

79. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organisation and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

80. The following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, attended the session: International Chamber of Commerce, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Soroptimist International, World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA).

C. Election of officers

81. At its 533rd meeting, on 22 March 1993, in accordance with rule 80, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, the Committee decided to expand the Bureau from three officers to five, as follows: a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

82. At the same meeting, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman:	Mrs. Ruth S. Limjuco (Philippines)
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. Fidel Coloma (Chile) Mr. Omer M. A. Siddig (Sudan) Mr. Vladlen Stefanov (Bulgaria)
Rapporteur:	Mr. John D. Biggar (Ireland)

D. Agenda

83. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/C.2/1993/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:

   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the 1991 session of the Committee;

   (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification.

4. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, categories I and II.

5. Review of future activities.

6. Provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee to be held in 1995.

7. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

84. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to take up the review of consultative arrangements with non-governmental organizations, in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1993/214, under agenda item 5.

E. Documentation

85. The list of documents before the Committee is given in the annex to the present report.

Annex

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AT ITS 1993 SESSION

Document number	Agenda item	Title or description
E/C.2/1993/1	2	Provisional agenda
E/C.2/1993/2 and Add.1-9	4	Quadrennial reports (1988-1991)
E/C.2/1993/3 and Add.1-2	4	Quadrennial reports: follow-up to decisions taken by the Committee at its session in 1991
E/C.2/1993/4	5	Review of future activities: annual informal consultation of 1991
E/C.2/1993/5	5	Review of future activities: annual informal consultation of 1992
E/C.2/1993/6	5	Review of future activities: report of the Working Group of the Committee
E/C.2/1993/7	3	Letter dated 14 February 1992 to the Chairman of the Committee from the International Committee of the Red Cross
E/C.2/1993/8	5	Review of the arrangements for consultations with non-governmental organizations
E/C.2/1993/NGO/1	5	Statement submitted by the World Federation of United Nations Associations
E/C.2/1993/NGO/2	2	Statement submitted by Soroptimist International
E/C.2/1993/NGO/3	2	Statement submitted by the International Chamber of Commerce
E/C.2/1991/INF/1	-	List of delegations
E/C.2/1993/L.1 and Add.1-7	7	Draft report
E/C.2/1993/L.2	5	Draft decision submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations

Document number	Agenda item	Title or description
E/C.2/1993/R.1 and Add.1-3	3	Deferred applications for consultative status
E/C.2/1993/R.2	3	Application of Human Life International
E/C.2/1993/R.3 and Add.1-13	3	New applications for consultative status
E/C.2/1993/R.4 and Add.1-3	3	Requests for reclassification
E/C.2/1993/WP.1	-	Organization of work
E/C.2/1993/WP.2	-	Check-list of documents
E/C.2/1993/WP.3	-	New applications for consultative status: alphabetical list
E/C.2/1993/WP.4	-	Requests for reclassification: alphabetical list
E/C.2/1993/WP.5	-	Quadrennial reports 1988-1991: alphabetical list
E/C.2/1993/WP.6	-	Quadrennial reports: list of non-governmental organizations which failed to submit the required report

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